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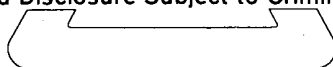
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**RADOME-EQUIPPED POSSIBLE AUXILIARY
HSIAO-PING-TAO SUBMARINE BASE, CHINA**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: PRESENCE OF THIS RADOME-EQUIPPED SHIP AT THIS BASE SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY FUNCTION AS A NAVAL AUXILIARY IN SUPPORT OF THE WU-1 SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: A POSSIBLE AUXILIARY SHIP (NPIC INTERIM DESIGNATOR TANG-A) WITH A [REDACTED] RADOME IS OFFSHORE OF HSIAO-PING-TAO SUBMARINE BASE. THE TIMING OF ITS APPEARANCE, COINCIDENT WITH THE RETURN OF THE GOLF BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSB), SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY HAVE A SUPPORT FUNCTION IN THE WU-1 SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE GOLF SSB, WHICH WAS LAST SEEN AT THE SUBMARINE BASE [REDACTED] HAS BOTH MISSILE TUBE DOORS OPEN. THREE BUSES, PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SSB ACTIVITY, ARE ON THE QUAY. THE SLBM-ASSOCIATED CRANE IS NOT PRESENT. ONE GORDYY DD, WHICH MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE SLBM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, HAS ARRIVED [REDACTED]

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THE 97-METER-LONG TANG-A WAS BUILT AT TANGGU SHIPYARD HAI HO [REDACTED] BETWEEN 1976 AND 1978. IT WAS MOST RECENTLY REPORTED AT TANGGU PORT FACILITIES HSIN-CHIANG [REDACTED] WHEN IT WAS ASSESSED AS BEING OPERATIONAL FOR THE FIRST TIME. IF THE TANG-A DOES HAVE A SUPPORT FUNCTION IN THE WU-1 PROGRAM, IT MAY BE IN ADDITION TO A HYPOTHESIZED ROLE AS AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP. THE TANG-A IS BUILT ON AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP-TYPE HULL AND WAS IN A COMMERCIAL AREA WHEN SEEN AT TANGGU PORT FACILITIES, WHICH HAD SUGGESTED A NON-NAVAL SUBORDINATION.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 38-49-02N 121-29-39E

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